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Future work

1. The Permanent Forum welcomes the study entitled, Indigenous Peoples and Boarding Schools: A Comparative Study (E/C.19/2009/CRP.1) prepared by a consultant for the secretariat of the Forum and requests that it be made available as a document of the ninth session of the Forum in all official languages of the United Nations and that it be widely disseminated. The Forum decides in particular to transmit the study to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the United Nations Children's Fund, the Adviser of the Secretary-General on the prevention of genocide, the Special Rapporteur on the right to education, the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, the Committee on the Rights of the Child and the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.

2. The Permanent Forum welcomes the global Stop TB Partnership, which is housed within the World Health Organization. The Permanent Forum welcomes Stop TB and urges the partnership to ensure that indigenous peoples' concerns are fully included and that they participate in the decision-making body in implementing programmes and projects.

3. The Permanent Forum notes the First World Sports Congress that was held in Winnipeg, Canada, in April 2009 with the support of the members of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, the World Indigenous Nations Games and Sports Manitoba. The Permanent Forum supports the plan to hold the first World Indigenous Nations Games that will include contemporary sports and traditional games of indigenous peoples, proposed to be held in Winnipeg, Canada, in 2012.

4. The Durban Review Conference welcomed the adoption of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, which should be used to combat racism against indigenous peoples. The Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues decides to have a half-day session on the theme of "Addressing racism against indigenous peoples". This session will be held during the 2011 meeting of the Permanent Forum.

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5. The Permanent Forum welcomes the convening by the United Nations Children's Fund, the International Labour Organization, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the Indigenous Fund for Latin America and the Caribbean, the Indigenous Program of the Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation, and indigenous peoples and organizations throughout Latin America of a Regional Meeting on Child Labour, which will be held in Lima in November 2009. The objective of the meeting is to address within the framework of the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples challenges that are faced by children regarding the worst forms of exploitation and the violation of the rights of children.

6. The Permanent Forum welcomes the organization of a workshop by the Indigenous People's Center for Documentation, Research and Information in recognition of the historical role played by indigenous peoples within the United Nations system.

7. The Permanent Forum welcomes the proposal by International Fund for Agricultural Development to hold an expert workshop on the contribution to development of pastoralist cultures.

8. The Permanent Forum takes note of the impending refurbishment of the United Nations Headquarters Building and recommends to the Economic and Social Council that it decide the venue of the ninth session of the Permanent Forum for spring 2010 and an appropriate location, taking into account the requirements of the Forum's sessions, such as high participation of States, civil society, the United Nations system and intergovernmental organizations.

9. The Permanent Forum welcomes the adoption of resolution 63/278, by which the General Assembly established International Mother Earth Day and embraces indigenous peoples' and Member States' recommendations regarding the need to promote humankind living in harmony with nature. Therefore, the Forum decides to appoint (to be inserted), a member of the Forum, to conduct a study, without financial implications, on its implementation, taking into account, inter alia, the consideration and recognition of Mother Earth rights.